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Springfield Regional Office 1155 East Cherokee Street Springfield, MO 65807 417-883-4033 MEMORANDUM

DATE:

June 29, 1988

TO:

Greene County Ceneral

FROM:

Charles L. Kroeger

SUBJECT: West Chase Radiator Shop

On June 27, 1988, the Springfield Regional Office received a phone call from the Springfield Sanitary Services Department regarding a report that during some excavation, a contractor had hit a drum of what appeared to be a black gooey type material. Because of the recent publicity about Karchmer Iron and Metal in Springfield, the new owner of the property was quite concerned that waste material may have been buried at the site by a previous business.

Upon investigation, it was determined that the backhoe had apparently hit an old abandoned sewer line that had an oily type sludge built up in it. The sludge was relatively dry and because the site was covered with asphalt and the soil was relatively clayey, it was felt that it would be environmentally safe to leave the line in place and proceed to backfill the ditch.

cc Springfield Sanitary Services